

With An Attitude of Gratitude, Our thanks to SACWN's subscribers and supporters.

First, a personal story: In 1996, as I considered accepting a job offer and relocating to Sacramento, I asked an old colleague living in Sacramento to send me information about the lesbian community in the area. Checking the phone book, she located the SACWN organization and arranged to have a newsletter sent, which she forwarded on to me. Receiving this newsletter aided me in my decision to leave my Santa Barbara position and head northward. Within days of pulling into town, with no acquaintances in the gay community, I was going to parties and activities, meeting many new friends, and settling in.

What if SACWN had not been in the phone listings as a public organization available to any and all through a simple phone call? What if there had been no newsletter informing me of special interest groups and fun activities? My decision might have been a different one. Certainly my experience as a woman new to Sacramento would have been less easy.

As we look over the past year and remember all the fun times, we are incredibly grateful to SACWN, the women who have membership in SACWN, and the volunteers who work behind the scenes to create the events we all enjoy.

A variety of happy faces have been seen at Suzanne Westenhoefer, picnics in the park, dances at

Joseph's, the SACWN Social at Faces, or participating in one or more of the many special interest groups. There seems to be something for everyone ...from poker to gardening, from camping to ballroom dance and more. And, if you think of a group you wish were there, feel free to get it started with the help of SACWN newsletter publicity.

The gratitude that is felt for the women who support SACWN with their membership and their presence at events cannot be fully expressed. Joining SACWN performs an incredible service for our community as we continue to fulfill our mission to provide lesbians with social activities in a safe and vibrant environment, a supportive network, and resources to link our diverse community.

We look forward to year 2000 with great excitement. The Valentine's Ball at the beautiful Portuguese Hall will be fantastic! A wide variety of other appealing activities are also in the works. Our membership goal for 1999 was 200. We achieved that goal and hope to surpass it for this millennium year. The women of the Sacramento area deserve the very best. Every person who makes the decision to join us in this endeavor by becoming a member and participating in SACWN events helps to build a stronger community for all. With your help, we can do it.

COMMITTEES

Activities Committee--Anna (344-0386)
Newsletter Committee--Nancy (452-6007)
Membership Committee--Sue (944-7055)
Special Interest Groups ("SIGs")--unassigned

Women who want to participate in the operation of SACWN are encouraged to contact any of the above listed committee coordinators.

The Newsletter Committee is currently in need of two editors, writers, graphic artists proficient in Word for Windows and proof readers. If you previously indicated an interest in these areas on your subscription application, expect a call from Nancy this month asking for your assistance.

If you wish to advertise your business in the newsletter, call Nancy for information about single issue and annual (six issue) rates.

The Membership Committee will send renewal letters to all current members this month. If you have already renewed or will renew using the subscription application at the back of this newsletter, our heart-felt thanks for your support and please just ignore the reminder.

After the rush of preparations for the Valentine's Dance are completed, the Activities Committee will finalize the activities plan for the remainder of the year. Look for the results of their work in the next newsletter.



Steering Committee Changes

After over a year of participation, two members of our Steering Committee have resigned their positions this month. Dee is leaving us to concentrate on her other interests. Her work for SACWN this past year included coordination and communications with the Special Interest Groups (SIG's), contributions of articles for the newsletter, data input for our contacts database and assistance in most of the activities produced by SACWN in 1999. Dee will continue her participation with the Arts and Entertainment SIG.

Phoenix is making major career changes. She will be studying law with the intention of becoming a paralegal and working part time. This leaves her insufficient time to volunteer as extensively as she has this past year. Phoenix has contributed significantly to SACWN's 1999 activities. She

oversaw the production of the SACWN booth and created decorations for picnics and dances, as well as assisting many 1999 SACWN endeavors.

Both Dee and Phoenix will be missed by the Steering Committee but we are pleased that they will continue their affiliation with SACWN. We expect to see them this year as participants rather than producers of SACWN's year 2000 activities.

At the last Steering Committee meeting we welcomed three new members to the Committee. They are Dawn, Linda and Diana. A fourth volunteer, Lupe, will be joining us next month. These women have made a commitment to the SACWN mission and bring our number up to ten, just three shy of the thirteen leaders we envision for the committee.



**Sacramento Area Community Women's Network
presents a women's event:**

VALENTINE'S DANCE

**Saturday, February 12th
8:00 pm to 1:00 am**

**Portuguese Hall
6676 Pocket Road
Sacramento**

**Music by
Roni and the Flight**

**Full No Host Bar, Hors doeuvres
Semiformal or formal attire**

**Tickets \$15 per person in advance (non refundable)
 \$20 at the door**

**Tickets by mail. Send check or
money order, and self addressed stamped envelope to:
SACWN, PO Box 340593, Sacramento, CA 95834-0593
For more information call (916) 451-8034.**

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone: _____

Directions:

From I-5, take Florin Road exit, Turn west
onto Florin Road. Turn left onto Riverside
Blvd. Turn right onto Park Riviera Way.
Turn right onto Pocket Road.

_____ Tickets at \$15 each = \$ _____

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Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

SACWN's Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are small, friendly groups of women who get together monthly (if not more often) to share activities of mutual interest. New members are always welcomed, so we encourage you to call the contact people listed to find out what activities are being planned.

Arts and Entertainment

Friday, Feb. 25th, Lambda Players "Make Way for Dyklings". RSVP by Feb. 15th.

Mary 395-4147

Sunday, Mar. 19th at 1:00 pm, Movie Mania "When Night Is Falling" with snacks or pizza (?). RSVP by Mar. 17th.

Mary 395-4147

In April we'll be checking out Lambda's "My Castle's Rockin'", Friday, April 14th. Mark your calendar.

Volunteer to be an usher at a well known local playhouse and see the stage play as a thank you. If interested, call Kathy, 920-2162.

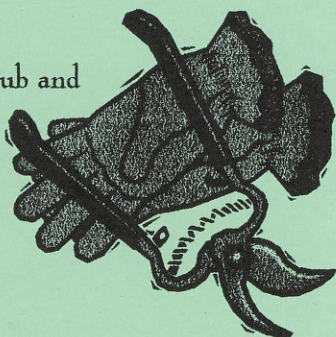
Half Fast Hiking Group

This is a well organized, friendly group of serious hikers who know how to have fun. We are in our fourth successful year of day-hiking with hikes scheduled once a month all year long. We walk at a comfortable pace and usually average about five miles round trip on hikes that are rated "easy" to "moderate". Call for a calendar of events and an information sheet. All newcomers receive a warm welcome. Please join us for the time of your life!

Kathy 979-9374

Garden Club

I'm starting a lesbian garden club and invite you to join me. We can share information, plantings and check out landscape tours too. If interested, call Glenda, 454-0246



Fool House Poker Group



Feeling lucky? Then join me for a friendly game of poker every 2nd Friday of the month. Novice players welcome. I guarantee you will have a good time. For time and location of game, call Gretchen, 922-6287

Pool Group

Do you like to play pool for fun? If you are interested in getting together with other women to play pool, call:

Mary J, 731-8531

Coffee Group

Come for coffee company and congenial conversation. No RSVP necessary, but call if you want more information. The Coffee Group will meet on Sunday, Feb. 20th at 2:30 pm at New Helvetia on 19th Street, near Capitol Avenue. In March we will meet at 2:30 pm at New Helvetia on Sunday the 26th. Join us.

Betty, 731-7192

Women in Motion

If you'd like to either learn or improve your dance skills, please join us for the next 4 week class which begins on February 18th. We will be learning to SALSA. Prior experience and a partner are NOT required. The cost, \$40.00 per person for 4 lessons, is payable in advance. The dance instructor is a very friendly, professional woman and an excellent instructor from the Del Campo Dance studio. The lessons will be held on Friday evenings at the Del Campo Dance Studio on Fulton Avenue. If you have any questions or need additional information, contact:

Anna. 916.344.0386

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) cont..

Top 10

Top 10 is a group of women over 50 and women who love women over 50. Each month we get together for a meal at a local restaurant or for special at-home potlucks. Please remember to RSVP for all events and call early as seating may be limited.

- ♦ On Sunday, Feb. 20, 5:00 pm, join us for dinner at Cattlebaron Restaurant in Penryn. RSVP by Feb.. 17.
Denise 780-1351
- ♦ On Sunday, Mar. 12th at 3:00 pm, Sharon & Paula will host St.. Patrick's Day Potluck. They will fix corned beef and we will bring side dishes and drinks. RSVP by Mar. 8th.

Mary S. 395-4147

Disabled Lesbians

I am starting a support SIG for Lesbians who are disabled. If you are interested in participating, please call.

Jane G. (530)346-6903

Newcomers

Are you new to the area or the lifestyle, and want to meet new people? Give me a call and I will do all I can to provide you with information to help you get tuned in to the network of activities available.

Diana, 487-3124

Rainbow Campers

Rainbow Campers, founded by the late Jayne Rountree, is a loose knit group of lesbians who get together and camp at preselected campgrounds each month, April through October. In October, Rainbow Campers held our planning meeting where we created for next year the following schedule:

April 14 thru 16:

Colma on the American River
call Mary, 723-5269

May 19 thru 21:

Canyon Creek Resort at
Monticello Dam
call Necole, 530-661-2319

June 9 thru 11:

Casini Ranch, Duncan Mills
call Gail, Denise & Kathy,
641-8565

July 14 thru 16:

Goose Lakes Area,
Quincy/Tahoe Area
call Karen, 927-7627

August 25 thru 27:

Wrights Beach on the coast.
call Carolyn & Nancy, 961-4722

September 22 thru 24:

Olema on the coast
call Karen, Joyce & Mary, 927-7627

October 20 thru 22

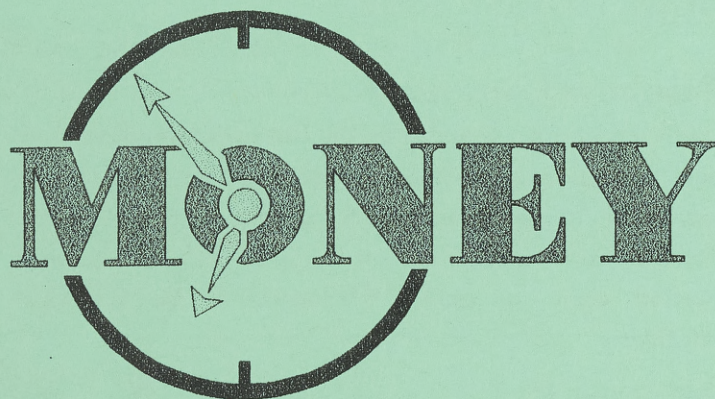
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How to attend a Trip

- ♦ Call the Wagoneer for the trip(s) you want to attend. The Wagoneer makes group reservations up to 60 days in advance of the scheduled camping date, so, call her early.
- ♦ The Wagoneer will tell you the site fee and cancellation date. She will request that you send her the fee for the number of nights that you plan to camp.
- ♦ If you decide to cancel your reservation, call the Wagoneer before the cancellation date. Fee refunds cannot be made after the cancellation date.





SACWN's main source of revenue is subscriptions. We are continuing with the policy that we established last year that subscriptions are from February to January of each year. New subscribers who join during the intervening months may prorate their dues. Please note that each subscription is by household rather than by individual. These policies allow us to streamline our records and reduce volunteer hours spent keeping track of you.

Regular and limited income subscription rates are now reduced as a result of lower operating expenses. Our fully volunteer organization structure makes this possible. Also, with increased visibility and affordable rates we anticipate more subscribers this year.

We have made a commitment to keep the costs of our events low. Three of last year's event were free. This means that the nominal expenses for these events were paid for by your subscriptions. The other events were self supporting and actually added funds to the organization. As a "not for profit" corporation, our events are intended to provide a service to our subscribers and to the lesbian community, rather than to "turn a profit."

YEAR 2000 BUDGET

Telephone/ Answering Service	\$400
Mailbox	\$100
Administrative materials	\$400
Corporate taxes, including tax preparation;	\$1,000
Miscellaneous fees, licenses, etc.	\$300
Special Interest Group expenses	\$300
Membership Newsletter 6 issues @ \$300 ea.	\$1,800
Special Event Mailers 2 @ \$350 ea.	\$700
Total	\$5,000

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ACTIVITY CALENDAR

		1	2	3	4 Women in Motion (WIM)	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Fool House Poker WIM	12 Valentine's Dance
13	14	15	16	17	18 WIM	19
20 Top 10 Dinner Coffee Group New Helvetia	21	22	23	24	25 A&E "Make Way for Dyklings" WIM	26
27	28	29	FEBRUARY			

MARCH			1	2	3 WIM	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Fool House Poker Group WIM	11
12 Top 10 St. Patrick's Day Potluck	13	14	14	16	17 WIM	18
19 A&E Movie Mania	20	21	22	23	24 WIM	25
26 Coffee Group New Helvetia	27	28	29	30	31 WIM	

OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

BACW Central Valley Presents **OUT FOR LAUGHS VI**

A special event for gays, lesbians
and gay friendly persons
(Must be 18 years or older)
Saturday, March 4th, 2000, 8:00 pm
at the State Theater
1307 J Street, Modesto

Diane Amos

Diane had a unique upbringing. She was raised in a household with lesbian mothers, one African American and one Jewish. Oy vey! Does she have stories? Diane's appeared in several films, including "Nine Months", "EDTV" and soon-to-be-released "Where the Money Is" with Paul Newman and Linda Fiorentino. You may also know her as the Pine-Sol lady.

Lisa Koch

Wildly irreverent, singer/songwriter-comedian, Lisa comes to us from Seattle, WA where she is half of the comedy duo "Dos Fallopias." One of the characters she plays is a repressed nun, Sister Mary Agnes Labia. One reviewer has said, "Lisa Koch picks up where Bette Midler left off....". Lisa has shared the stage with Janis Ian, Kate Clinton and Suzanne Westenhoefer.

Tickets: \$12.00 BACW Members
\$16.00 Non-members
\$20.00 All tickets at the door

Tickets are available at the State Theater or by mail
from BACW
PO Box 578241
Modesto, CA 95357-8241

For information, call Faye at (209) 529-1434
Proceeds support chapter philanthropic endeavors.

DANCE FOR HOPE

March 18th, 2000, 8 pm to midnight,
Sacramento Association of Realators
2003 Howe Avenue, Sacramento,
Live music from Juke Box Betty

Mistress of Ceremonies: Tina Macuha from Channel 31
Tickets: \$20 at The Gifted Gardener or The Open Book
Call (916)863-9714 for info.

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Sue Wolf

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Rates

Regular	\$24.00
Sustaining	\$48.00
Limited Income	\$12.00

Rates are per household, per year and will be prorated based on the month in which you subscribe. The subscription year is February through January.

Waiver - I am aware that certain risks or injuries could occur arising from my participation in SACWN, Inc., events and/or special interest groups. In consideration of the right to participate in such events, some of which may involve strenuous activity (i.e. hiking, golfing, skiing, cycling, etc.), I hereby assume all risks and will hold SACWN, Inc. and its members harmless from all liability which may arise in connection with these activities.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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NEW!

VOLUNTEER FORM

Can you volunteer?

We need help in the following areas:

Newsletter

☐ Writers

☐ Editors

☐ Proofreaders

☐ Layout & Graphics

Communications

☐ Telephone

☐ Mailings

☐ Database

Activities

☐ Dance Organizers

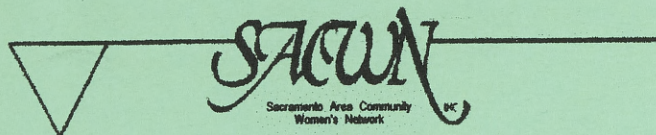
☐ Assistants

☐ Planners

COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, VIEWPOINT

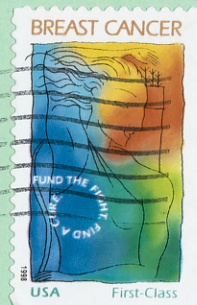
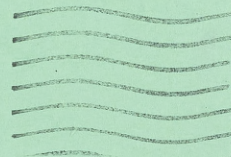
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